Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The cause for the irregular supply of power was enquired into.

(*c*) The irregularity was due to some disorder of the engines in the Power House which the Municipality could not have surmounted for the duration of the war by merely getting the undertaking transferred to them. Adequate steps had also since been taken to avoid a recurrence of the disorder. Moreover, in the license granted to the Cochin Electric Co., specific provision has been made fixing the period for which the license is to be in force and the Government thought that the circumstances were not such as to justify them in terminating the license before the expiry of the period. For these reasons, the Municipality were told that their request could not be granted.

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN THE STATE—ENQUIRY INTO

247. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are the Government conducting an enquiry into the labour conditions in the State;

(*b*) if so, on whose initiative the enquiry undertaken;

(*c*) when did the enquiry start;

(*d*) what is the stage that the enquiry has reached now;

(*e*) has any questionnaire been prepared for the purpose of the enquiry;

(*f*) if so, will a copy of the same be placed on the Council Table?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. Government are not conducting any such enquiry at present.

(*b, c, d, e & f*) Do not arise.

INLAND FISHERIES—PARALAM AND PERUMPILLISSERI—LEASE OF

248. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) to whom was the inland fisheries of Parlam and Perumpillisseri villages leased out in 1118;

(*b*) what was the recommendation made by the Diwan Peishkar in the matter;

(*c*) was the Protector's views ascertained by the Diwan Peishkar in the matter (if so, what was the view of the Protector);

(*d*) to whom were the inland fisheries mentioned above given in years previous to 1118;

(*e*) whether in regard to the lease of the right of inland fisheries in the above villages in 1118 the Government received from the Protector any report asking for a reconsideration of the order by the Government leasing out the fisheries;

(*f*) will Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the report of the Protector mentioned above and the Government order thereon;

(*g*) to whom were the fisheries in question leased out in 1119 and 1120?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) The Fisheries are comprised of A class and B class chals. A class chals were leased out to the local Depressed Class Societies and B class chals to the Perumpillisseri Padanna Colony Samajam;

(*b*) The original proposal of the Diwan Peishkar was to lease the two chals separately. A class chals to the 2 local Depressed Classes Societies and B class chals to the Perumpillisseri Padanna Colony Samajam. Subsequently a modified recommendation was made to lease both the chals together to the two Depressed Classes Societies.

(*c*) The views of the Protector of the Depressed Classes were ascertained by the Diwan Peishkar only after the submission of the first proposal. The view of the Protector of the Depressed Classes was to lease out the two chals to the two local Depressed Classes Societies.

(*d*) As the period is not specified no information can be furnished.

(*e*) A report was submitted to the Government not for reconsideration of the orders relating to the lease of 1118 but for consideration when the question of lease from 1119 onwards was decided.

(*f*) Copy of the report cannot be placed on the table. The Government orders thereon is placed on the table.

(*g*)

Year	*Fishery*	*Lease*
1119	A class chals and B class chals	The two local Depressed Classes Societies.
1120	do.	do.

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